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SUBJECT: KUWAIT MILITARY SALES

1. US MILITARY TEAM (USMT) HAS COMPLETED MISSION
AND HAS DRAFTED LETTERS OF OFFER BASED ON WORKING
LEVEL UNDERSTANDING WITH KUWAITIS FOR FOLLOWING
MAJOR ITEMS: 32 F-8 H OR K AIRCRAFT

12 UH-1 N HELICOPTERS

2 ANTPS -32 RADAR SYSTEMS

50 TOW LAUNCHERS

4 BATTERIES HAWK MISSILES

165 M60 A1 TANKS

APPROXIMATELY \$30 MILLION WORTH TACTICAL VEHICLES AND
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT.

2. A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN DRAFTED
WHICH PROVIDES FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF
AN AIR BASE COMPLEX WITH 2 AUXILIARY STRIPS, A
JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER, TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT AND A COMMUNICATIONS BACKBONE SYSTEM,
AND U. S. TRAINING OF PILOTS AND TECHNICIANS.

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3. ALTHOUGH KUWAITIS HAVE NOT SIGNED ABOVE DOCUMENTS, WE ARE REASONABLY HOPEFUL THAT THIS WILL COME TO PASS IN NEAR FUTURE, POSSIBLY IN NEXT FEW DAYS. TOTAL PACKAGE APPROXIMATES \$500 MILLION.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS OF EMBASSY AND USMT RE STAFFING AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS IN CONNECTION PERMANENT ADVISORY PRESENCE WILL BE CONTAINED SEPTTEL.

5. WISH TO EXPRESS AT THIS TIME DEEP APPRECIATION FOR EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT FROM WASHINGTON DURING VISIT OF USMT AFOR WE ARE COMING TERRIBLY CLOSE TO THE DEADLINE. (AT LEAST HE IS SECURITY CLEARED.)

4. WE APPRECIATE HOW BUSY YOU MUST BE AND WE DON' T LIKE BOTHERING YOU AND MISS GLENN BUT OUR PROBLEM IS ANALGOUS TO MANILA HAVING 100 AMERICAN AID EMPLOYEES WORKING ON TYPHOON CONTROL, LIVING ON ITBAYAT ISLAND IN THE BATANES WITHOUT A DOCTOR. NEUMANN

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